

Belvedere: June 8, 2005
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Corte Madera: TO: Executive Committee
Melissa Gill

Fairfax: RE: Transportation Enhancements (TE) projects for FY 05/06 and 06/07 –
Lew Tremaine
Agenda Item 6

Dear Commissioners:

Larkspur:
Joan Lundstrom

Background & Eligibility

Mill Valley: The Transportation Authority of Marin has \$1,301,000 Transportation
Dick Swanson Enhancements funds to program in FY05/06 and FY 06/07.

Novato: The three eligibility requirements for a project to use TE funds are:
Pat Eklund

Ross:
Jeanne Barr

San Anselmo:
Peter Breen

San Rafael:
Al Boro

Sausalito:
Amy Belser

Tiburon:
Alice Fredericks

County of Marin:
Susan Adams
Hal Brown
Steve Kinsey
Cynthia Murray
Annette Rose

- A. **The project must have a direct functional relationship to the surface transportation system.**
- B. **The project must be over and above a normal project.** TE projects cannot be routine or customary elements of transportation projects or required mitigation for project impacts in compliance with the requirements of environmental or other local, state, or federal laws.
- C. **The project must fit within one or more of the following twelve categories of enhancement projects:**
 1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
 2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
 3. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
 4. Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)
 5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification
 6. Historic preservation
 7. Rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
 8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)
 9. Control and removal of outdoor advertising
 10. Archaeological planning and research
 11. Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
 12. Establishment of transportation museums

With very few exceptions such as bike/pedestrian safety training, TE projects must be for capital improvements. Planning studies and maintenance projects (e.g. projects with a life of less than 5 years) are ineligible for TE funds.

Project Proposals

Staff solicited proposals from local jurisdictions, and received the following:

Jurisdiction	Project	Requested funds
Marin Co *	Countywide Bicycle Guide Signing	\$150,000
Marin Co *	Bus stop improvements	\$106,000
Tiburon *	Pine Terrace multiuse path	\$107,000
Larkspur	East Sir Francis Drake Bicycle/Pedestrian Multi Use Wooden Bridge Rehabilitation	\$97,500
Marin Co	Fireside Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements - install crosswalk of SR1/Hwy 101 ramps at signalized intersection to access Manzanita Transit center and Shoreline trail, pedestrian / bike path along SR1 to crosswalk, Two Way Left Turn Lane to enter site	\$91,309
Marin Co	Ranchitos Road – Class 2 Bikeway \$160,000 TFCA funding already committed	\$717,424
Marin Co	Olema-Bolinas Road Pathway	\$418,000
Marin Co	Wolfe Grade Pathway	\$180,000
San Rafael	Medway/Canal Intersection Improvements Project utility underground, curb and gutter, sidewalk upgrades, bus stop improvements, and street furniture	\$400,000
	Total	\$2,267,233

* Three of the projects, as noted above, had prior STIP commitments, before projects had to be eliminated by TAM to fund the HOV Gap Closure shortfall. At that time, TAM committed to fund these projects as a priority when new discretionary funds became available.

Analysis

Staff recommends that the shortfall replacement projects be funded first. The Call for Projects contained the following criteria to use as an aid in evaluating competing projects:

Eligibility: Projects must meet all eligibility criteria in order to be considered further for TEA funding. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the following factors:

- Project is an eligible TE project as determined by Caltrans.
- Project is a fully funded, stand-alone project.
- Project sponsor is an eligible administering agency per TE and STIP guidelines.
- Project is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and Countywide Transportation Plan.

Prioritization: Projects that meet all of the eligibility requirements will be prioritized for TEA funding based on, but not limited to the following factors:

- Project Readiness: Projects that can clearly demonstrate an ability to meet timely use of funds requirements and deliver benefits sooner rather than later will receive a higher priority.
- Safety: Projects with safety benefits will be given a higher priority.

- **Geographic Equity:** This factor will be considered looking at the entire list of Marin TE projects.

In developing the project list contained in the recommendation, \$22,500 of funding was left over, that amount was added to the countywide project to improve bus stops. At the May 26, 2005 meeting of TAM, the Commission asked that this item be carried over to the Executive Committee meeting for consideration of programming some of the funding for provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists. Staff researched a few education options that have been suggested. Attached are examples including, a Basic Streets Skills for Cyclists course offered by Marin General Hospital, Sonoma County Transit bicycle information, and San Jose Street Smarts program. TAM is not yet an authorized recipient of federal funds due to the lack of a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. Staff intends to develop one over the upcoming fiscal year. If the Committee desires to program some funding for education, staff recommends that it be in FY 06/07 to allow time to develop a DBE program and to allow time to develop the education plan.

Recommendation:

The staff recommendation provided to TAM at the May 26, 2005 meeting follows:

Jurisdiction	Project	Total Funds	PE & Env FY05/06	Const FY06/07
Marin Co	Bicycle Guide Signing	\$150,000	\$42,300	\$107,700
Marin Co	Bus stop improvements	\$128,500	\$44,900	\$82,600
Tiburon	Pine Terrace multiuse path	\$107,000	\$20,000	\$87,000
Larkspur	East Sir Francis Drake Bicycle/Pedestrian Multi Use Wooden Bridge Rehabilitation	\$97,500	\$7,500	\$90,000
Marin Co	Olema Bolinas Pathway	\$418,000	\$146,300	\$271,700
San Rafael	Medway/Canal Intersection Improvements Project utility underground, curb and gutter, sidewalk upgrades, bus stop improvements, and street furniture	\$400,000		\$400,000
	Total	\$1,301,000	\$261,000	\$1,040,000

Staff requests the Executive Committee review the above list and determine whether TAM should program some of the funds to bicycle and pedestrian education, and then direct staff to advise MTC and the California Transportation Commission of the final project list.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Tackabery, Executive Director

Calendar

Basic Street Skills for Cyclists

Thursday, November 11

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Marin General Hospital

Conference Center

John Ciccarelli, instructor

This class is ideal for the commute or recreational street cyclist who wants to boost confidence and travel safely by bicycle. Approved by the Marin County Superior Court for citation fee reduction. Free. Register at www.marinbike.org or call Bob Trigg (dial 456-3469 and select option 3-#). Co-sponsored by the Marin General Hospital Trauma Program, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, Marin County Law Enforcement and Marin County Superior Court.



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Learning to Control Fibromyalgia

Wednesday, December 1

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Marin General Hospital Conference Center

Paul Davidson, MD, rheumatologist, and a panel of experts and patients

Fibromyalgia is a stress-related illness causing chronic muscle pains, fatigue, poor sleep and multiple other symptoms. Learn about therapies found effective in treating fibromyalgia. Free. Registration: 925-7418. Sponsored by Marin General Hospital and Novato Community Hospital.

Health Resources

Hospital websites

www.maringeneral.sutterhealth.org

www.novatocommunity.sutterhealth.org

Novato health resources

• Health Education Resource Center, Sutter Medical Office Building, 165 Rowland Way, Novato. Call for hours – **209-1498**

Greenbrae health resources

• Medical Library, second floor, Marin General Hospital.

Call for hours – **925-7393**

• CIRCLE Library, 1350 S. Eliseo Dr., Greenbrae (first floor atrium). Open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **925-7920**

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Tai Chi Qigong

Improve Balance and Stability

12-week series continues through December 2

Tai chi and qigong are ancient Chinese martial arts shown beneficial in improving balance, stability and strength.

Classes are taught by the staff of Taking Refuge Holistic Healing Center. Sponsored by the Marin General Hospital Trauma Program in partnership with Taking Refuge Holistic Healing Center.

• San Rafael classes at Whistlestop

Mondays, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-10 a.m., Whistlestop Senior Center, 930 Tamalpais Ave., San Rafael. Information: 456-9062.

• Mill Valley class

Mondays, 11 a.m.-noon

Mill Valley Community Center, 180 Camino Alto.

Information: 383-1370.

• Marin City class

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.-2 p.m., Marguerita Johnson Senior

Center, 640 Drake Ave., Marin City. Information: 332-9324.

• Terra Linda class

Thursdays, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

Maria B. Freitas Senior Community, 455 Freitas Parkway, Terra Linda. Information: 479-7581.

Iyengar Yoga

Tuesdays

4 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Yoga Center of Marin, 142 Redwood

Ave., Corte Madera

Susy Stewart, instructor

Discover the healing power of yoga – an invigorating, yet nurturing way to gain strength, flexibility and health. Newcomers to yoga, as well as those experiencing physical challenges or illness, are welcome.

Cost: \$100 for eight classes, \$55 for four classes, \$17 per class for drop-ins. Call 925-7624 for information.

Sponsored by the Institute for Health & Healing at Marin General Hospital and Novato Community Hospital.

Better Breather's Club

First Wednesday of the month

1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Weseman Conference Room, Novato

Community Hospital. Information: (707) 527-5864.

Fibromyalgia/Arthritis Support Group

Third Saturday of the month

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tamalpais Room, Marin General

Hospital. Information: 383-1703.

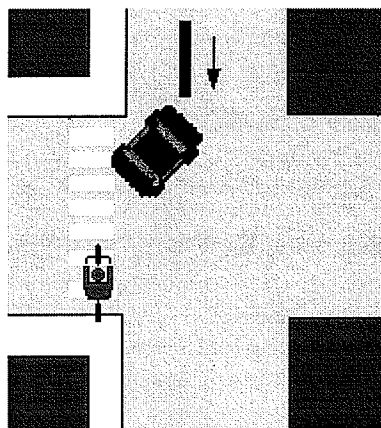
SonomaCountyTransit



In Sonoma County we are fortunate to have hundreds of miles of scenic roadways and a good climate to appreciate the outdoors. Very many of us enjoy riding our bicycles, to school, to work, on trails and to the beach! Chances are, even if you don't bike yourself, you know lots of people in the community who do. **You've got a friend who bikes!**

On these web pages you can find some tips for providing you and your family with hours of safe cycling.

- **Helmets and Safety Gear**
- **Free Helmets! SAFE KIDS**
- **Bike Rodeos--Get Your Kit!**
- **Safety Tips for Bicyclists and Motorists**
- **Reglas Para Los Ciclistas** en Espanol
- **Bicycling in California: The Law**
- **Sonoma County Bike Maps**
- **Links to Other Organizations**
- **Downloadable Safety Materials**



How
can you
avoid this
collision?

Click and see.

According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, more than 500,000 people are non-fatally injured while riding bicycles each year.

- 1999, 750 bicyclists died in crashes. More than one-quarter were children ages 5 to 15.
- More than 95% of bicyclists killed were not wearing helmets.
- An estimated 140,000 children are treated each year in emergency departments for head injuries sustained while bicycling.

Causes of collisions are numerous -- but the responsibility for safety belongs to all of us. Bicyclists must obey traffic rules, be visible and stay alert. Drivers must realize that the road belongs to all of us -- including bikes.

Drivers need to maintain safe distances from bicyclists and **share the road**.

This Web site was developed through a grant by the
California Office of Traffic Safety through the
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

For questions, comments or suggestions regarding this web

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



STREET SMARTS

A traffic calming program from the City of San José Department of Transportation

THE PROGRAM

STREET SMARTS will get people thinking.

- Raise the discussion
- Change attitudes
- Improve behaviors
- Reduce accidents and injuries

STREET SMARTS addresses problems at the source: In the minds of drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

Ever run a red light, jaywalk or speed through a school zone? Most of us have. But none of us should. And we all know it. That's the problem. And the reason why the City of San José initiated the STREET SMARTS program. To raise a public discussion about our attitudes and actions on the streets. To remind us that laws are laws. And to offer new ways of thinking about the role each of us can play as part of a STREET SMART solution.

STREET SMARTS brings education to the equation.

We'll slow down for speed bumps (engineering). Or because there's a cop nearby (enforcement). But what about all the other times? These are the times where behavior requires a personal decision based on awareness, knowledge, conscience, courtesy, responsibility, thoughtfulness...the list goes on. This is where education is essential. And where the STREET SMARTS program will make its mark.

The following behaviors have been identified as most urgent and will be addressed by the STREET SMARTS program.

- Speeding
- Red light running
- Stop sign non-compliance
- School zone speeding
- Crosswalk safety & compliance

In addition, the underlying attitudes that contribute to behavior will be an important part of the message. As the program progresses, new issues will be raised and new attitudes and behaviors will be addressed.

With any success, the STREET SMARTS program will get people thinking. But our true goal is the adoption of new attitudes and behaviors that will make our streets, roads and highways safer and friendlier for everyone who uses them. The ultimate benefit will be a reduction in the injuries and deaths caused by irresponsible driving and non-compliance with traffic laws.

THE STRATEGY

STREET SMARTS will work on many levels.

STREET SMARTS is not an advertising campaign. Although media advertising is a major part of the program, it will extend throughout the community as events, neighborhood initiatives, corporate sponsorships, school presentations, banners, neighborhood signs and more. It will become a pervasive concept in our community. Just as recycling programs have led to a shift in the public behavior and even legislation, we hope STREET SMARTS will become the rule in San José.

As the program develops and grows, and the concept of STREET SMARTS becomes accepted, we will see a shift in attitude until ultimately, non-compliant traffic behavior, whether driving, walking or cycling, will gain disfavor and a new spirit of cooperation will become the norm. Street Smarts: it's about behavior change and it's about respecting the community in which we live.

THE OPPORTUNITY

STREET SMARTS has no limits.

PUBLIC PARTNERS

Streets, roads and highways don't stop at the city limits. And people don't change their attitudes and actions from city to city. STREET SMARTS does not only apply to San José, but to all cities, counties and states because, in order to be successful, this issue must be addressed regionally. Therefore, we encourage and invite other public agencies to adopt the STREET SMARTS program.

Because the City of San José is serious about solving the problem, artwork developed for this program will be provided at no cost to public agencies interested in partnering with us in our effort to raise awareness and initiate changes in driver behavior.

CORPORATE PARTNERS

We encourage corporations and local businesses to also get involved as STREET SMARTS partners. Already, the California State Automobile Association and the San José Sharks have signed on. The Sharks will be offering the involvement of their players to endorse the program and signage in their arena to raise awareness.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS

Neighborhoods can mobilize too! STREET SMARTS yard signs and street signs will soon be available to promote safe and courteous driving in neighborhoods, and speakers are available to make presentations at your neighborhood meetings. Start a STREET SMARTS program in your neighborhood now! Call (408) 277-4499 for more information.

SCHOOL PARTNERS

Schools can join in the effort to change driver behavior and improve safety on San José streets. Have STREET SMARTS rallies and ongoing traffic safety education presentations at your schools, in partnership with our school safety partner, Safe Moves, Inc. Discuss issues about driver behavior in the classroom and call us for information about getting a STREET SMARTS banner for your school.

Be creative! Think of how your neighborhood, school, organization, company or city can become a STREET SMARTS partner.